

ATTENTION: All church ministry activities will be cancelled for the month of April.

Calendar

April 26 - May 2

Sunday, April 26, 2020

Worship with us online! Go to our YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-5m5BSRT3x7g9Klf3c61jg>) and find the April 26 worship video.

Wednesday, April 29

No in-person Wednesday night activities.

8PM MIC will meet by ZOOM.

Friday, May 1

Friendship Day

Next Sunday, May 3

Worship with us online!

May Anniversaries and Birthdays

3 - Murlen and Sandy VanDuysen

6 - Jack and Kathy Ramsdell, *Happy Birthday Marcella Ludens!*

10 - Jeremy and Kendra Krueger

11 - *Happy Birthday Harriet Namminga!*

18 - Devin and Jill Tolsma

20 - Dean and Denise Bardwell

25 - Lowell and Lois Tjeerdsma

26 - Gene and Cheryl Ludens

27 - Elmer and Bernice Tolsma

29 - Bernard and Carolyn Kastein

Consistory Update

The Elders, Deacons, and full Consistory met briefly over Zoom on Monday, April 20. Essential business only was conducted:

1. **The financial report was approved.** THANK YOU to everyone who is continuing to give financially during this strange season of separation. Deacons agreed to give \$1000 to the Bon Homme County Food Pantry, to assist them during this season.
2. **Worship services will continue online as they have been.** Many have expressed positive feedback and sincere gratitude for the work being done to connect people to church.
3. **Discipleship efforts will continue.** Pastor Cody will work to put out more resources/videos for parents and children, in the absence of Sunday School. If you have ideas or requests, let him know! AND, for anyone, if you are interested in being part of a Bible study, or discipleship group, or prayer time online over Zoom, contact Pastor Cody!

→ Paul Romkema was approved to mow the church grounds.

→ Amy Cooper and boys were approved to mow the cemetery.

Reach Out

If you need someone to talk to this week, please contact Pastor Cody:

Pastor Cody Raak

Cell phone: 605-464-4952

E-mail address: cody.raak@goldenwest.net

Generosity

Bon Homme Food Pantry The Food Pantry is in need of the following donations: canned pork & beans, pancake mix, syrup, canned and dried fruits, flour, sugars (white, powdered, brown), personal hygiene products (shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, etc.), paper towels, facial tissue, and toilet paper. **Thank you!**

Recent Offering Totals

3/29/2020	\$2,820.00
4/05/2020	\$1,030.00
4/12/2020	\$2,780.00
4/19/2020	\$3,907.00

When writing checks, please indicate the service date and fund you want your offering applied toward (General, Benevolent, Building). Offerings may be mailed in or brought to the church during office hours.

With Gratitude Thank you to Harriet Namminga for your donation to the cemetery given in memory of Jake Namminga, who cared for the upkeep of the cemetery for many years.

The church office will be open this week on Monday and Friday from 9AM to 12PM. Announcements for the bulletin can be called, texted, or emailed. Offerings may be brought to the office at that time for those who wish to give.

Please contact Tanya Krueger for assistance.

Prayer

Please pray for:

→ Everyone impacted by the coronavirus pandemic:

- ◆ Those who are living with mental health challenges, such as depression, anxiety, and/or addiction.
- ◆ Those who are ill or dying, and those who are grieving.
- ◆ Those who are working in medical professions.
- ◆ The 26+ million Americans who have filed for unemployment.
- ◆ Our nation's and state's government leaders.

→ **Our church members living in the Good Samaritan Society:** Myrann Ludens, Frank Odens, and Jappy Gosser.

→ **Our church members living in the Assisted Living Center:** Marcie Ludens, Jessie Heusinkveld, Bev Jelsma, Harriet Namminga, Marj Tjeerdsma, Ruth Tolsma, and Clarence & Lila Vanderlei.

→ **Those in need of emotional, mental, and spiritual healing.**

→ **Those in need of physical healing:** Mike Ludens, Ava Johnson, Elsie Namminga, Donna Ratzlaff, and Donna Odens.

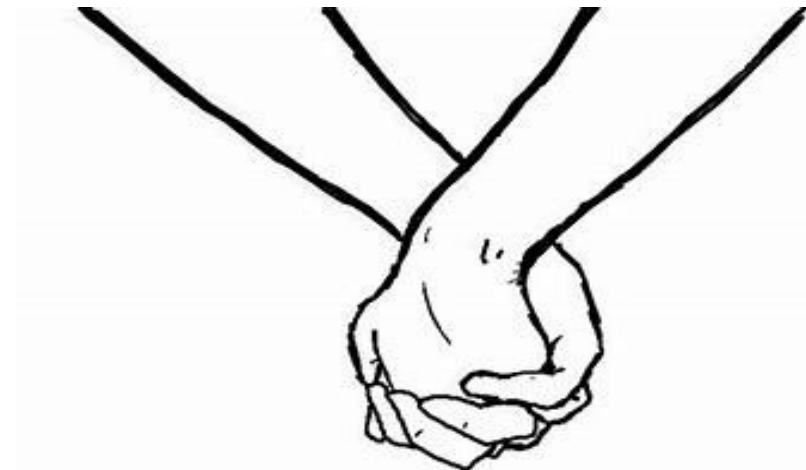
→ Our mission partners:

- ◆ Keith & Denise Krebs (Bahrain)
- ◆ Wayne & Miho Jansen (Japan)
- ◆ Living Stone Prison Church, and their pastor Jason Wiersma.
- ◆ City Church Sioux Falls, and their pastor Daniel Brunz.
- ◆ The Bon Homme County Food Pantry, and their administrators Gary and Connie Hawks.
- ◆ **Our sister churches in Classis of Dakota:** and, in particular, all those working in specialized ministries.

Wellness

Please take care of yourself while we are apart. Choose one or two to accomplish each day:

- **Fitness:** do 30 minutes of cardio.
- **Fitness:** try a new kind of workout.
- **Nutrition:** eat a meal mindfully.
- **Nutrition:** drink 8 glasses of water.
- **Well-Being:** write in a journal.
- **Well-Being:** declutter a space in your home.
- **Community:** send a hand-written note to someone.
- **Community:** find a way to help someone in need.



Scripture Reading

Many of you are already enjoying some form of personal devotions, whether a book or a study or a Bible reading plan: keep it up!

Here are some suggestions for Scripture passages to read that prepare us for next Sunday's sermon, "We Are: God's Garden."

April 27

MONDAY Psalm 1

April 28

TUESDAY Genesis 2:4-24, Genesis 3:8-9

April 29

WEDNESDAY Isaiah 5:1-7

April 30

THURSDAY Matthew 21:33-44

May 1

FRIDAY Isaiah 51:1-8

May 2

SATURDAY John 15:1-11